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For: METHOD OF PREPARING NORMALIZED AND/OR SUBTRACTED  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein in step III), normalization is conducted first, followed by subtraction.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein in step III), subtraction is conducted first, followed by normalization.

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